

All City departments. except emergency services, will be **CLOSED** in observance of the

following holidav as shown:

Independence



Holidays

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FACTS:

Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. However, it was not declared a legal holiday until 1941.

Check out

www.visitmaine. com to find all sorts of summer things to do: family attractions, fairs and cultural events, outdoor recreation, nature, sightseeing/tours, state/national parks, agricultural events, whale

Get out and about this summer!

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks & Rec Update

We all breathe a big sigh of relief when the sight for this program. Alfond Municipal Pool is ready and open for Last season we added a shade structure that another packed summer! was very well received. This year we planted 4 Parks & Recreation is also gearing up for summer beautiful sugar maples along the north fence and field trips. We'll be traveling to see the Boston an additional 3 maples between the Youth Cen- Red Sox take on the Kansas City Royals on July ter and parking lot. In a few years these trees will 10th. Tickets are limited, so please contact the provide plenty of great (natural) shade. All the office at ext. 4744. Another exciting trip that we

hard work pays off when we see the parking lot full and 200-300 kids cooling off on a hot summer day.

We're fully staffed this time of year with Sam and Steve and an additional 8 seasonal workers who are responsible for mowing, trimming and general maintenance of all city/ school parks, fields and playgrounds. They're also

responsible for setting up and taking down for or Bobbie-Jo for more information. various special events including North End Night great job keeping our City beautiful.

on the back page of this newsletter).

funding to plant approx. 30 trees this fall. Each music from rock, funk, country and blues. The year we lose trees along Main St. and the last band to perform this year will be the Concourse for various reasons. We will be Toughcats on August 19 at 6:00 pm.; this is a replacing trees in these areas as well as along talented indie bluegrass band. Don't miss any of Burleigh St. and Morrill Ave. where we had to remove several hazardous/aging trees in the last few years. Project Canopy (a program through space. the Department of Conservation) provides over-

Summer programs are in full swing, and we business. Each year brings new challenges couldn't be happier! Currently we have track and when it comes to maintenance of the pool facility. field, art, t-ball, tiny tykes good time hour, golf, It takes us 5-6 weeks of scraping, patching, tennis, and our Summer Adventure Series. We painting and cleaning to get ready for opening, are very excited to welcome all our staff for

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have this summer is a shopping excursion to North Conway, New Hampshire, where we'll be attending the 7th Annual Mall Wide Tent Sale. We'll be taking a chartered bus to Settlers Green Outlet Village on Saturday, August 8th, seating is limited. Please contact April



We are also very excited to once again provide Out, Taste of Waterville, South End Night Out, Summer Concerts in Castonguay Square. This Franco-Fest and many others. These guys do a year we teamed up with Waterville Main Street to provide three quality shows. On July 8 at 6:30 For the first time ever (to my knowledge), the pm, the Kayla Wass Band will be performing; this City has a community garden on North Street is a dynamic 5-piece country music band performnext to the boat landing (see the related article ing hits from today and the past. On July 22 at 6:30 pm, the Calypso Soldiers will be performing; The City has received nearly \$8,000 in federal this is a 7-piece band that plays a broad range of these great bands. In case of rain, all concerts will be moved inside to the REM conference

—Matt Skehan, Parks and Recreation Director

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Independence Day Events

- July 1st Fort Halifax Park: 4:00-6:00 PM: 4th Idol Contest. 4:00-8:00 PM: Beans & Pork Roast Supper Concert in the Park starting at 6:15 PM.
- July 2nd Fort Halifax Park: Chicken BBQ from 11:00 AM -8:00 PM. A Golden Afternoon & Concert in the Park in the afternoon/evening.
- July 3rd Fort Halifax Park: The 319th US Army Band from 11:00 AM 1:00 PM. St. John's school parking lot: Street Dance from 5:00-11:00 PM
- July 4th Winslow/Waterville Bridges: Maine's LARGEST Independence Day Parade, 10:00 AM. After the Parade, for a day of bands. games, petting zoo, and (20) food booths in addition to the chicken BBQ at Fort Halifax Park. At 9:10 PM: A <u>Patriotic Tribute</u>. 9:30 PM Spectacular Fireworks Display
- July 10th Fort Halifax Park: The Concert in the Park continues from 6:00-8:00 PM
- The Winslow Family 4th of July is proud to hold family friendly events. No alcohol is permitted at any event. Bikes and dogs are not allowed in Fort Halifax Park. Please respect the properties of residents and businesses near the park and along the parade route.

Community Gardening Project

What will you grow this summer? At the new were made available to Waterville residents on a first-Waterville Community Garden, gardeners are growing come, first-served basis. Each plot holder paid \$10 organic vegetables, plants, and flowers, along with a for the rights to their 4'x8' raised bed. The healthy dose of friendship and community.

catalyzed by members of the Mid -Maine Sustainability Coalition, a grassroots movement created to conserve our resources, sustain a healthy environment, and promote economic prosperity for the Mid-Maine region.

With the help of dedicated Waterville community members

and running in May, the start of the growing season. One present to answer questions and show visitors around goal of the garden is to provide space and support for all the garden. If you would like to learn more about the those who wish to grow their own food. Another goal is Community Garden and about organic and sustainable to establish the link between eating locally produced gardening, or just want to have some fun on a lazy food and energy conservation. Finally, the garden aims Sunday afternoon, we would like community gardens in the area.

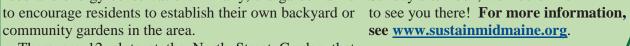
There are 12 plots at the North Street Garden that

Community Garden wishes to expand onto other Located on North Street, the community garden was locations within Waterville. They especially hope to

establish a garden in the south end of Waterville by next year but nothing is planned just yet.

All are welcome to the Grand Opening on Sunday, July 12 from 2-4 pm, rain or shine. Live music and refreshments will be provided, including wood-fired brick

and the Parks and Recreation Dept., the garden was up oven pizza baked on site. Many plot owners will be





Public Works News

After many weeks of effort, Public a huge Works recently completed street and array of weather dependent projects sidewalk sweeping operations. With are a daily challenge. A brief the exception of a few minor equipment problems, things went well this year and finished a bit ahead of walk and traffic light upgrades; schedule.

roadside brush removal, sign repairs drainage projects at locations and numerous responses to plow throughout the City. damage reports for lawns and curbs have been the dominant theme of are currently exploring options for work assignment sheets during recent weeks. Another sure harbinger of Head of Falls to another suitable spring is street striping crew site. Later, we will be assisting on beginning their annual job of repainting center lines, turn lanes, Bridge and Head of Falls area and cross walks and parking spaces on various trail construction projects throughout the City. This operation with Parks & Recreation. has been under way for several weeks with good progress made.

season unfolding, the focus has work or for play, there's really turned to warm weather projects. As nothing quite like being in Maine we all know, this precious season is during this exceptionally beautiful too short-lived. This is Public Work's time of year. To everyone, may you busiest and most varied time of the have a safe and enjoyable summer. year. Coordination and scheduling of

sampling of activities and projects includes major street repaving; sidefacility improvements and repairs; As expected, pothole filling, and trenching, shoulder and

Along with the City Engineer, we relocating the snow dump from project initiatives for the Two Cent

We look forward, as do many of you, to being outside in the fresh air With the long anticipated summer and sunshine. Whether it be for

- Mark Turner, Director

Local **Events**

Downtown Farmers' Market Thursdays thru November 20

2:00 - 6:00 PM www.WatervilleFarmersMarket.org

Summer Concert Series July 8, 22 & Aug. 19 Castonguay Square FMI: 680-4744 www.waterville-me.gov

Red Sox vs. Kansas City Friday, July 10 To Fenway Park by Bus FMI / Register: 680-4744 www.waterville-me.gov

Maine International Film Festival (MIFF) Friday, July 10 - Sunday, July 19 **FMI**: 861-8138,www.miff.org

40th Annual Arts Fest Saturday, July 18 • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM FMI: www.watervillemainstreet.org

National Night Out August 4 • 5:00 - 10:00 PM Green Street Park, Waterville **FMI**: 859-1666

Taste of Greater Waterville August 5, Downtown **FMI**: 873-3315. www.midmainechamber.com

Summer Sidewalk Sales August 5-7 FMI: www.watervillemainstreet.org/

Shopping Excursion August 8

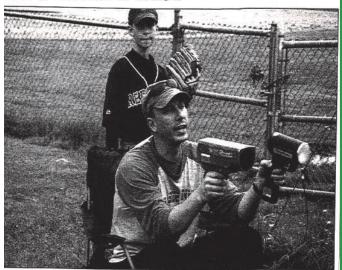
North Conway, New Hampshire FMI: 680-4744

www.waterville-me.gov

Big Truck Day August 13 • 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Concourse Parking Lot 🚄 FMI: 872-5433 www.waterville.lib.me.us

Rock the Home! Concert August 15 • 2:00 - 6:00 PM Band Shell, Colby College FMI: 872-0261

NOW THAT'S FAST



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WATERVILLE POLICE OFFICER Lincoln Ryder measure the speed of a pitch with a radar gun at The Winslow Little League Fun Day on Saturday. The event raised money for the Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness, the MS Foundation and the Central Maine Veterans Memorial. Also, equipment was collected for Roberto's Kids.